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SUBJECT: MAINICHI ARTICLE ON ALLEGED NSC STUDY OF KOREAN TROOP
WITHDRAWAL

1. MARCH 7 MAINICHI EVENING EDITION FRONT-PAGED
LENGTHY REPORT FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FUOMORI
PURPORTEDLY REVEALING CONTENTS OF NSC "PRESIDENTIAL
RESEARCH MEMORANDUM 13," COPY OF WHICH MAINICHI
CLAIMED TO HAVE OBTAINED MARCH 6, OUTLINING NEW
ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY OPTIONS TOWARDS ROK.
ACCORDING TO MAINICHI, BULK OF EIGHTY-PAGE DOCUMENT
WAS DEVOTED TO TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND REVEALED FOLLOWING
POINTS:

--PRIMARY RATIONALE FOR WITHDRAWAL WAS NOT
REDUCTION OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES OR CONCERN ABOUT
HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT RATHER US DESIRE TO ELIMINATE DANGER
OF AUTOMATIC AND IMMEDIATE INVOLVEMENT OF US GROUND
TROOPS IN ANY FULL-SCALE COMBAT.

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-- TO AVOID IMPRESSION OF ABANDONMENT OF
ROK BY WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND TROOPS, US WOULD PUBLICLY
REITERATE ITS DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO SOUTH KOREA
AND, FOR THAT PURPOSE, MIGHT EVEN INCREASE TACTICAL-AIR
STRENGTH STATIONED IN ROK.

-- IN EVENT OF INVOLVEMENT OF US AIR FORCE
IN ACTUAL FIGHTING; "US FORCES CAN COPE BY
SUPPLYING AND STRENGTHENING AIR AND NAVAL UNITS
WITH WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION, FULFILLING THEIR
PLEDGE ON DEFENSE, WITHOUT DISPATCHING GROUND FORCES."

--TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND TROOPS WOULD
BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO TO FIVE YEARS; PACE OF
WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE LEFT TO PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL
JUDGMENT.

--WITHDRAWAL OF TACTICAL-NUCLEAR
WEAPONS FROM ROK HAD ALREADY BEGUN, STARTING FROM
LEVEL OF 1,000 TO ABOUT 400 TO 500; ULTIMATE GOAL,
HOWEVER, WOULD BE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL.

2. MAINICHI ARTICLE NOTED THAT ONE QUARTER OF NSC
DOCUMENT WAS DEVOTED TO STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN
ROK BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. ARTICLE STATED NSC STUDY
HAD BEEN COMPLETED AFTER THREE DRAFTS AND WOULD
BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT IN LATE
MARCH.

3. IN LIGHT OF INTENSE POLITICAL INTEREST IN ENTIRE
TROOP WITHDRAWAL ISSUE, EMBASSY REQUESTS PRESS
GUIDANCE ASAP.
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